

Racing Rules of Sailing

RRS 64.4(b) DECISIONS ON PROTESTS CONCERNING CLASS

RULES A submission from the Chair of the Classes Committee and 420 Class

Purpose or Objective

To clarify what are the relevant authorities to be informed about class rule related penalties.

Proposal 1

- 64.4** (b) When the protest committee is in doubt about the meaning of a class rule, it shall refer its questions, together with the relevant facts, to ~~an authority responsible for interpreting the rule.~~ **the event class rules authority (as defined in the *Equipment Rules of Sailing*).**
In making its decision, the committee shall be bound by the reply of the authority.

Proposal 2

If the terminology of the Equipment Rules of Sailing is adopted by the Racing Rules of Sailing, then the terms “class rule” and “event class rules authority” shall be used in bold and the sentence “as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing” shall be deleted.

Current Position

As above

Reasons

1. There is no clarity about what an “authority responsible for interpreting the rule” is. There is a submission to introduce a new universal ERS term “event class rules authority”, which will bring clarity as to what this authority should be. If the submission is approved, then the new ERS term should be used in RRS 64.4(b)
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